

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) A method for manufacturing metallic material having a chromium-oxide passivation film formed thereon, comprising the steps of:

depositing a coating material consisting of chromium onto a metallic material with a surface roughness (Ra) of not more than 1.5 $\mu$ m; and

applying a heat treatment to said chromium-coated metallic material in an oxidizing atmosphere so as to form ~~metallic material having a chromium oxide~~ a passivation film consisting of chromium oxide formed thereon on said metallic material.

4. (canceled).

5. (new) The method according to claim 3, wherein said oxidizing atmosphere comprises oxygen diluted by an inert gas.